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LARSON PRAISES PASSAGE OF DEMOCRATIC BUDGET

WASHINGTON- This afternoon Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) issued the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2008 budget resolution 216-210. The budget reaches balance in five years; champions children's health care, education, and veteran's health care; embraces tax relief for middle-income Americans; and matches the President on defense spending.

□ **After years of misplaced priorities, today we passed a budget that reflects the true priorities of this Congress and the American people while staying true to our commitment of fiscal responsibility--we want our children to be healthy and educated, our veterans to be respected and given the resources upon their return worthy of their great sacrifice, protect our nations security and ensure the true state of our environment is addressed. This budget supports programs that help more working families help themselves. It keeps our promises to our children, seniors, and veterans.**

□ **For all too long the voice of the American people has not been heard in this Congress. Today, I am proud to say that the new Democratic-lead Congress is listening and we are delivering. We have brought a budget to the floor that begins to reverse six years of harmful cuts and reckless fiscal policy, and invests in our nation's future.**

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